

Appl. No. 10/540,451  
Election dated Aug. 5, 2009  
Reply to Restriction Requirement of July 7, 2009  
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Appl. No. : 10/540,451 Confirmation No. 1276  
Applicants : Minoru SUGIYAMA et al.  
Filed : December 15, 2005  
Title : Method for Electroless Plating  
Art Unit : 1794  
Examiner : Kevin R. Kruer  
Customer No. : 28289

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2009, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-8, 13 and 14, drawn to a method of electroless plating; and

Group II: Claims 9-12 and 15, drawn to a laminate comprising an electrode and a polymer electrolyte.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I including claims 1-8, 13 and 14, drawn to a method of electroless plating.

Applicants reserve their right to file at a later time a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

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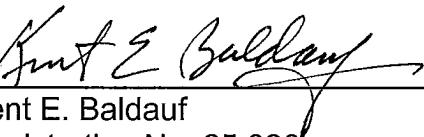
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), there is no change in inventorship as a result of this election.

Respectfully submitted,  
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